

## Whole Grain-Rich Product Exemption for School Year 2018-2019

USDA memo SP-32-2017 allows State agencies to grant temporary exemptions from the whole grain-rich (WGR) requirements for school year (SY) 2018-2019 to School Food Authorities (SFAs) that can demonstrate a hardship in procuring, preparing or serving compliant whole grain-rich products that are acceptable to students. If you have questions on how to fill out this form please call Deb Egeland or Rhonda Amundson at 888-338-3663.

**REMINDER: In the week(s) when a WGR-exempted item is offered, the SFA must ensure that at least half of the grain items offered that week are WGR.**

SFA Name: <u>Starkweather</u>	LA Number: <u>36-004 36-044</u>
Grain Items to Exempt: <u>Whole Grain Pasta, Whole Grain Corn Dogs</u>	

☐ Financial Hardship:

- SFA records demonstrate a significant drop in meal counts after the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered.
- The SFA experienced a significant cost increase when procuring the whole grain-rich product(s).

☐ Limited Product Availability:

- The SFA does not have access to a compliant whole grain-rich product(s) in the local market and would like to offer enriched grain item(s) temporarily.

☒ Unacceptable Product Quality:

- The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA did not retain the desired texture or lost palatability during the typical holding time.

☒ Poor Student Acceptability:

- The whole grain-rich product(s) offered by the SFA received significant negative student/parent feedback or there was increased plate waste of that menu item when the whole grain-rich product(s) was offered multiple times and over a sustained period of time.

**Documentation that justifies the request must be submitted** along with this completed form that demonstrates the need for a whole grain-rich exemption. A written justification is acceptable if it thoroughly describes the reason for the requested exemption. People will not eat the whole grain pasta or the whole grain corn dogs

**Authorized Representative or Food Service Manager:**

If granted this exemption, you agree that at least half of the grain items offered weekly at meals will be whole grain-rich.

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Return the completed form and supporting documentation by email to: [degeland@nd.gov](mailto:degeland@nd.gov) OR fax to 701-328-9566.

**Upon NDDPI-Child Nutrition approval, a copy of the waiver will be emailed to the person who signed this form.**

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Denied
Reviewed By: <u>Deb Joel</u>	Date: <u>8-14-2018</u>
Comments:	